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SUBJ: UNCTAD-COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES-FINAL REPORT

REF: GENEVA 0083, GENEVA 0091, GENEVA 0134, GENEVA 0221, GENEVA 0222

SUMMARY. SEVENTH SESSION OF COMMITTEE CONCLUDED JAN 16 WITH ADOPTION OF ONLY ONE RESOLUTION, AMENDED VERSION OF GROUP 77 DRAFT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REPORTED GENEVA 0222. (FINAL TEXT BEIN TRANSMITTED SEPTEL).

IN CONTACT GROUP MEETING JAN 15,

GROUP 77 DECIDED ANNEX TO REPORT OF MEETING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION OSTENSIBLY ON ALL DONOR SCHEMES BUT DIRECTED AT US SCHEME (GENEVA 0134). GROUP 77 ALSO MADE STATEMENT IN FINAL PLENARY DIRECTLY CRITICISING US SCHEME TO WHICH US DEL MADE BRIEF RESPONSE REITERATING POSITIONS

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TAKEN EARLIER IN PLENARY.

2. GROUP 77 UNABLE TO AGREE ON GROUP B COUNTERPROPOSAL
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MSA'S LANDLOCKED LEAST DEVELOPED
AND ISLAND COUNTRIES.
OTHER PLENARY DISCUSSION LARGEY UNEVENTFUL. NEXT
MEETING COMMITTEE TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR APRIL 1977. END SUMMARY

3. GROUP B POSITION ON RESOLUTION ON US SCHEME
REPORTED GENEVA 0221 WAS MAINTAINED WITH SOLIDARITY IN
GROUP B AND CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS. AS RESULT,
GROUP 77 ACQUIESCED IN SUGGESTION EEC AND OTHER GROUP
B DELS THAT THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE BETTER MADE KNOWN IN
SOME FORM OTHER THAN A RESOLUTION. TEXT REVISED
RESOLUTION (GENEV 0134) BEING APPENDED TO FINAL REPORT.
DECLARATION BY GROUP 77 IN FINAL PLENARY WAS
ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO US SCHEME AND PARAPHRASES TEXT
DRAFT RESOLUTION.

4. (USDEL BRUNGART) DENIED THAT U.S. SCHEME IS
INSTRUMENT OF COERCION. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT STATEMENTS
IMPUGNING MOTIVES ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND ONLY MAKE
MORE DIFFICULT THE ADAPTATION OF SCHEMES
OVER TIME.

5. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION REPORTED GENEVA 0083,
ONLY OTHER PLENARY DISCUSSION OF NOTE DURING REMAINDER OF
SESSION THROUGH JAN 15 CONCERNED RULES OF ORIGIN
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

6. REGARDING RULES OF ORIGIN, NEW ZEALAND FIRST GROUP
B COUNTRY TO ANNOUNCE ADOPTION OF TOTAL CUMULATIVE
ORIGIN CONCEPT (I.E., ALL BENEFICIARIES WILL BE
TREATED AS ONE GROUP FOR PURPOSES OF ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS.)
CHAIRMAN OECD WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF
ORIGIN (GABRIELSON) INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT WORK ON
COMPENDIUM EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SPRING 1976.
REPRESENTATIVES OF LDCS CALLED FOR ANOTHER MEETING OF
UNTAD GROUP RULES OF ORIGIN. (PRIVATE CONVERSATION
WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICER REVEALED THAT BUSY
UNCTAD SCHEDULE WOULD RESULT IN SUCH MEETING BEING
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HELD END OF 1976 OR EARLY 1977). PAKISTANI
INDICATED THAT WORKING GROUP WOULD BE PRESENTED WITH
SHOPPING LIST OF LIBERALIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY USE OF
CUMULATIVE TREATMENT AND THE COUNTING OF ALL PROCESSES
EXCEPT SIMPLE ASSEMBLY TOWARD VALUE-ADDED REQUIREMENT.

7. DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REFLECTED
GENERAL APPRECIATION OF UNCTAD/UNDP PROJECT. INDIVIDUAL

DONOR COUNTRIES COUTLINED SPECIFIC MEASURES TAKEN.
CONTRACT GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT ON AMENDED TEXT
RESOLUTION REPORTED GENEVA 0091 RECOMMENDING CONTINUATION OF
UNCTAD/UNDP PROJECT. FINAL TEXT BEING SENT SEPTEL.

8. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR EIGHTH MEETING APPROVED
SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE REVISION AFTER UNCTAD IV. AGENDA
IDENTICAL TO THAT OF CURRENT SESSION MINUS ITEM 3 ON
STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES. MEETING WILL
PROBABLY BE HELD APRIL 1977 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY
TDB. GROUP B ASKED THAT MEETING BE LIMITED TO ONE WEEK BUT
QUESTION LEFT OPEN.

9. DURING MEETING, VARIOUS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING FORMAL LETTER FROM
KRISHNAMURTI, DIRECTOR, UNCTAD MANUFACTURES DIVISION,
REQUESTING US 1974 IMPORT DATA. COPY BEING HAND-CARRIED
TO WASHINGTON BY U.S. DELEGATION. OTHER REQUESTS
CONCERNED CLARIFICATION OF SCHEDULE C TERRITORY DEFINITIONS
AND WHETHER UNCTAD/UNDP MISSION VISITING PAKISTAN
AND SINGAPORE 16-27 FEB CAN BE INFORMED OF
MAR 1 COMPETITIVE NEED CHANGES AFFECTING THESE
COUNTRIES.

10. GROUP B REVISION OF GROUP 77 RESOLUTION CALLING
FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR MSA'S, LANDLOCKED, LEAST
DEVELOPED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (GENEVA 288)
WAS PRESENTED TO CONTACT GROUP AT END MORNING SESSION
JAN 16. AT RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN AFTERNOON,
GROUP 77 STATED THEY UNABLE REACH AGREEMENT ON GROUP B
REVISION BUT APPRECIATED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT MADE BY
GROUP B WHICH HAD BROUGHT POSITIONS BOTH SIDES
SIGNIFICANTLY CLOSER TOGEHTER. THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE
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DISCUSSION IN CONTACT GROUP, NOR DID GROUP OF 77 EVEN
ASK THAT THEIR DRAFT BE APPENDED TO REPORT. HOPEFULLY
THIS ENDS MATTER. BRUNGART

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